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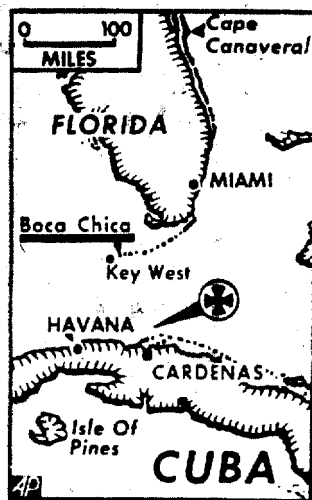
Invasion Talk Swirls in Cuba

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Havana
Invasion talk swirled in Havana Saturday as Cuban propagandists stepped up charges that the United States is preparing a new attempt to topple Premier Fidel Castro's regime.

The jitters stemmed from unconfirmed reports of new landings by anti-Castro insurgents in central and eastern Cuba. The Castro regime, officially ignoring the reports, ordered partial mobilization of the militia and reinforced guards at key Havana installations.

Havana traffic policemen carried stubby submachine guns in addition to their usual



side arms, but the city was quiet. However, informed sources said Cuban police have stopped accepting applications from Cubans for travel to the United States "until further notice."

The informants said the order also apparently affects travel by Cubans to other Western nations but does not apply to foreigners coming into Cuba.

No Immediate Halt

No hint was given as to the reason for the decision or when it might be rescinded. However, it apparently will not immediately slow the exodus of Cubans, who have been leaving for the United States at a rate of almost 2,000 a week, most by the 16 flights a week to Miami. There is a four-month backlog of passengers who have received exit permits.

There was no immediate reaction from the Castro regime to Washington's charges Friday that two Cuban vessels fired on a United States Navy plane over international waters Thursday.

The Swiss embassy, which handles United States affairs here, refused to say whether it had delivered to the Castro regime the United States warning that any such attacks in the future will be met with "all means necessary."

Charge Over TV

The plane incident came less than a week after anti-Castro students in two small boats shelled a suburban Havana hotel filled with Communist-bloc technicians and touched off a new round of Cuban charges that a United States invasion of the island was imminent.

Asserting that the United States is uneasy because the United States trade embargo failed to bring about the collapse of the Cuban economy, a Cuban television commentator charged Friday night that an examination of recent events "suffices to indicate the United States continues to scheme new plans to attack Cuba."

Assertion Called 'Absurd'

"Any direct aggression may prove a boomerang against the United States," he declared.

The commentator also warned his audience that the current Cuban visit of James B. Donovan, New York lawyer, could be a "decoy" for United States intervention.

Mr. Donovan called the assertion "absurd." Acting in a private capacity but with Washington's approval, Mr. Donovan came here Thursday for talks with the Castro government about the release of the more than 1,100 remaining prisoners taken in the abortive 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion.

Mr. Donovan told newsmen by telephone Friday that he and two Cuban members of the prisoners' rescue committee met with Premier Castro for

four hours Friday. "Our discussions are progressing," he said.

Refugees Flown Out

Meanwhile, a Mexican airliner flew 68 Cuban refugees from the Uruguayan Embassy in Havana to Mexico City Friday. It was the first of five planned flights to bring out an estimated 300 Cubans who had taken asylum in the embassy.

The refugees declined to talk to newsmen at Mexico City.

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